

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CRIMINAL MINUTES -- GENERAL

Case No. **CR 24-127-JFW**

Dated: July 21, 2025

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PRESENT: HONORABLE JOHN F. WALTER, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Shannon Reilly
Courtroom Deputy

Miranda Algorri
Court Reporter

Nisha Chandran
David Charles Lachman
Asst. U.S. Attorney
present

Interpreter: None

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U.S.A. vs (Dfts listed below)

Attorneys for Defendants

1) Chenguang Gong
present on bond

1) Craig Wilke
present - retained

PROCEEDINGS: **CHANGE OF PLEA AND SETTING OF SENTENCING DATE**

Case called, and counsel make their appearance. Defendant is sworn.

Plea agreement filed on July 17, 2025, is incorporated and made part of the proceeding.

Defendant withdraws his previously entered plea of not guilty and enters a plea of Guilty to Count 1 of the Four-Count Indictment filed on February 27, 2024.

The Court questions the defendant regarding the plea of Guilty and finds a factual and legal basis for the plea. The Court finds that the defendant, Chenguang Gong, has entered his plea freely and voluntarily with a full understanding of the charges against him and the consequences of his plea. The Court finds that defendant understands his constitutional and statutory rights and wishes to waive them. Accordingly, the plea is accepted and entered.

The Court refers the defendant to the Probation Office for the preparation of a pre-sentence report and continues the matter to **September 29, 2025, at 8:00 am**, for sentencing. **The Status Conference on November 17, 2025 and the Jury Trial on December 2, 2025 are hereby vacated.**

CC: USPO/PSA; USM

Counsel are notified that Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32 requires the parties to notify the Probation Officer, and each other, of any objections to the Presentence Report within fourteen (14) days of receipt. Alternatively, counsel may file such objections not later than twenty-one (21) days before Sentencing. The Court construes "objections" to include departure arguments. Any party intending to move for a continuance of the Sentencing shall, not later than noon on the Monday preceding the Sentencing, notify opposing counsel and the Courtroom Deputy. Strict compliance with the above is mandatory because untimely filings interfere with the Court's preparation for Sentencing. Failure to meet these deadlines is grounds for sanctions.